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JUVENILE SUPPLEMENT

EIGHT TO ELEVEN - Fiction

Fishel, Dick & Medica, Jack — TERRY AND BUNKY LEARN TO SWIM — Putnam $1.75

Fifth in the T. and B. series, just in time for summer camp and trips to pond or seashore. Terry and Bunky, at loose ends, discover to their delight that they are to have swimming lessons from State champ, Ed Hunter. With the help of Ed, the boys lose their fear of the water and learn the essentials. What little story interest there is - the boys exhibiting their swimming ability in a crisis and Ed's winning a place on the Olympic swimming team - is rather flabby, but the calm, step-by-step approach to swimming is tops for utility, safety and fun. Uninteresting illustrations in black and white. (Publ.)

EIGHT TO ELEVEN - Non-fiction

Crawford, Jack B. — WILD WEST SHOW — Hart $1.00

A sound merchandise item, for the 2nd and 3rd graders, this activity book with a mustang motif. Picture puzzles, mazes, clean but badly drawn comics, cut-outs, pages for coloring, guessing games, board games, Western anecdotes and oddities, etc. A fat book with paper cover, ideal for filling in odd moments for train trips, rainy days, or for tucking in the camp trunk. Sketches in black and white with colored comics. (Publ.)

Spilhaus, Athelstan F. — WEATHERCRAFT — Viking $2.00

A pleasant and in general simple handbook about how to make and operate gadgets for analyzing the weather. Although there is a rather unnerving omission of danger warnings concerning the suggested use of ether, the equipment is otherwise composed of safe material and is unusually simple to make. The rain gauges, wind vanes, anemometer, thermometers, nephoscope, barometer described here approximate closely in principle and operation the real thing and should be fun to use, while giving the back yard a professional air. We do wish that more space had been devoted to theory, since the reader is given no real background for use of the weather map, but this is a practical laboratory approach to a fascinating hobby. Illustrated with photographs and charts - unappealing "yearbook" typography. (Publ.)

FICTION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Myers, Henry — THE UTMOST ISLAND — Crown $3.00

To be stressed as *fiction*, but generally pleasing to adventure lovers and as supplementary reading in history, the unusual and freehanded presentation of the story of Lief Ericson is a roaring tale. When Olaf of Norway cast his sights on Iceland and his advance patrol in the person of a Christian priest, arrived in the homeland of Lief, son of Eric the Red, the Icelanders foresaw a threat to their national and religious security. Although the priest is finally defeated by Lief after his return from Vinland - across the Western sea - it is clear, however, that the old gods, the old ways are gone forever. (Full report on P. 251) (July ??)

Collector's Little Book Library

Barrows
each $2.00

Dellquest, Wilfred UNITED STATES COINS: *A Guide to Values*

A reference book for collectors with a complete premium list of average prices paid by dealers, a check list of U.S. coins, a glossary of terms, official U.S. Mint figures. Also introductory advice to collectors. Captioned illustrations for aid in identification. Advanced but a hobby siren call. (Publ.)

Albert, Lillian Smith &
Adams, Jane Ford THE BUTTON SAMPLER

Aid in this hobby for girls who enjoy poking through Grandmother's button box, this little book opens fascinating collectors' horizons by linking the items to historic fashions, political, sports and historic interests. Classifications, hints for collectors and illustrations - 67 plates. (Both fully reported on P. 243) (Publ.)

Holland, Maurice Duell, Sloan & Pearce
ARCHITECTS OF AVIATION $4.00

For boys and the air-minded, some profile tributes to the men who made the first flights possible, names and angles which are for the most part little known. Among those present - Colonel Bane, Eric Nelson, Donald Bruner, Hoffman, Bill Stout, Juan Trippe, Lawrence, Glen Martin, and others. (Full report on P. 255) (7/19)

Joy, Charles R. Harper
MUSIC IN THE LIFE OF ALBERT SCHWEITZER $4.00

Here for admirers of Schweitzer as doctor missionary and musician is the story of the part music has played in his life. Particularly for music lovers, however, is the story of his work with the organ, and the music of Bach. A large group of extracts from Schweitzer's own writings which deal with Bach should be of intense interest to students. Introduction by Charles Munch. (Full report on P. 244) (Publ.)

Tilden, Freeman Knopf
THE NATIONAL PARKS $5.00

For campers, young conservationists, vacationers and students of natural history, this story of our national parks. Some sixty parks are classified by natural characteristics and there are informal anecdotes, history, legends which point up special interests. An appendix with data on facilities, features. (Full report on P. 242) (6/19)

Bisbee, Eleanor University of Pennsylvania
THE NEW TURKS $5.00
Pioneers of the Republic, 1920-1950

This comprehensive and fluent study of Turkey, perhaps our most important ally in the Middle East, should fill a gap in historical, and current knowledge which high school courses do not often fill. The author, a former teacher in American colleges in Turkey, details Turkey's past and present, describes its growth into the modern state, and destroys many false Western notions along the way. Photographs, appendices, chapter notes, bibliography and index. (Full report on P. 244) (5/18)

BOOKS OF INTEREST TO PARENTS AND TEACHERS

Hartnoll, Phyllis Oxford University Press
THE OXFORD COMPANION TO THE THEATRE $8.00

For the theatre-oriented and for the drama classroom, this encyclopedic compilation of things theatrical. Everything about the theatre including all ages and countries in long and short articles, biographies, cross-referenced about the entertainment

theatre, alphabetically arranged. A ten year works-in-progress, this encyclopedia is bound to be a school and library staple. The contributors are indexed and there is a bibliography. (Full report on P. 255) (7/19)

Macgowan, Kenneth — Random House
A PRIMER OF PLAYWRITING — $3.00

For very advanced classroom and study groups, this handbook, which presupposes, happily, that playwrights are born, not made. Therefore these valuable chapters on technique are intended to broaden talent rather than create it. A brush-up on principles of the dramatic art is always useful for the teacher in classroom analysis of plays in literature class. (Full report on P. 256) (July ??)

McCloskey, Frank H. — Simon & Schuster
EVERYDAY WRITING — $2.95

Not for beginners but a sound guide to raising writing standards if used carefully by students and teachers. A painless approach to grammar and skill in sentence structure as well as tips on writing letters and "everyday" reports. There is also a chapter on the art of reading. Worth investigation by high school teachers and advanced composition students. (Full report on P. 256) (7/27)

Carlquist, Maja & Amylong, Tora — Viking
BALANCE AND RHYTHM IN EXERCISE — $3.50

Elementary school educators and physical education teachers as well as dance instructors will be interested in this Swedish import which states and works out a theory of modern physical education based on an appreciation of rhythm in movement. There are two series of graded lessons included for younger and older children in the elementary school. Each section comprised of a group of exercises for one daily program contains a discussion of the exercise for the teacher and suggested commands. The graceful sketches by Georg Lagerstedt illustrate each exercise. Although the reader might not subscribe to the program, there are plenty of new ideas. (Publ.)

Special Note:

To all those working within the field of children's books - librarians, booksellers, publishers and critics - one of the most eagerly anticipated spring events is the presentation of the New York Herald Tribune awards for the best children's books published during the spring season. As a spur to publishing houses to keep up the good work all year 'round, instead of concentrating the juvenile publications in the fall, this venture has proved most successful. The fine roster of judges, the competition for high quality and the extensive publicity offer excellent promotion opportunities. Of course, there are bound to be disagreements and cries of "how could they leave out so-and-so!", but a sharp focus of attention upon the standards of children's books is after all, to the good. We are reprinting herewith our reports on the three prize books and listing the "special honor" books in case you have an exhibition in mind. A satisfying selection we think, and we were particularly pleased that one of the honor books was the Krauss Little Golden Book which we had chosen from a Golden shower for a two-star listing.

Picture book:

Francoise — Scribner
JEANNE-MARIE COUNTS HER SHEEP — $2.00

Report repeated from P. 58 as follows: "A fanciful little counting book with imaginative illustrations by the author. Jeanne-Marie (sits under a tree) talks seriously to her Patapon and thinks of all the things she would be able to buy if Patapon had 1, 2, 3, etc. lambs. The dream lambs (which appear geometrically arranged in the

PRIZE BOOKS - Continued

pictures) reach the number of seven, or eight, nine or ten, and Jeanne-Marie imagines she could buy a little house. But Patapon has just one lamb and one pair of socks for Jeanne-Marie. The repetition and simplicity are effective in both pictures and text. The illustrations in two and four colors, heavy rhythmic line and playful design are a delight. Cloth."

For children of 8 to 12:

Estes, Eleanor — Harcourt, Brace
GINGER PYE — $2.50

Report repeated from P. 126 as follows: "The tragedy of losing the family pet and the joy of finding him again is a familiar experience of childhood, and this story is an absorbing one. Jerry and Rachel Pye were heartbroken when their puppy Ginger disappeared. Immediately the children begin to pick up clues, and by a yellow hat, luck and the persistence of Uncle Benny, age three, the mystery is uncovered, and Ginger, now fully grown, escapes his captors. Some amusing incidents, indefatigable youngsters, and an ecstatic reunion. Sure to please. Illustrated by the author."

For older boys and girls:

Baity, Elizabeth Chesley — Viking
AMERICANS BEFORE COLUMBUS — $4.00

** Report repeated from P. 129 as follows: The "wonderful and tragic story" of Indian cultures in America from the Ice Age arrival of Asiatic peoples across the Bering Strait to the Spanish conquests. The author opens up the thrilling notebook of the archeologist from which the histories and fates of various Indian cultures have been uncovered. The early hunters, the basketmakers, and moundbuilders of the South and West, the Mayans, Aztecs, Iroquois, and Incas have all contributed magnificent chapters in the story of man; the author focuses a Toynbeean perspective upon these cultures, both living and extinct, offering to the young reader a basis of comparison to our own civilization. The writing is informal, but uncovers a great amount of material and the author never attempts to stifle her enthusiasm for the subject. Liberally illustrated with drawings by C.F. Falls and 32 photographs. In all, a deep dish with a heady flavor - a future staple on history shelves, and a tempting first glimpse at the science of archeology."

HONOR BOOKS

Picture Books:

Zaffo, George	THE BIG BOOK OF REAL BUILDING AND WRECKING MACHINES	(Grosset)	$1.00	
Krauss, Ruth	I CAN FLY	(Simon & Schuster)	25¢	P.58
Ets, Marie Hall	MR. T.W. ANTHONY WOO	(Viking)	$2.00	P.60
Godden, Rumer	THE MOUSEWIFE	(Viking)	$2.00	P.61

Children 8 to 12:

Lathrop, Dorothy P.	LET THEM LIVE	(Macmillan)	$2.00	P.62
Black, Mary Martin	SUMMERFIELD FARM	(Viking)	$2.50	P.100
Randall, K.C.	WILD HUNTER	(Franklin Watts)	$2.50	P.725(1950)
Latham, John H.	LONESOME LONGHORN	(Westminster)	$2.50	P.104

Older Boys and Girls:

McGraw Eloise Jarvis	CROWN FIRE	(Coward-McCann)	$2.75	P.153
Davis, Clyde Brion	NORTH WOODS WHAMMY	(Lippincott)	$2.50	P.128
Bell, Margaret E.	RIDE OUT THE STORM	(Morrow)	$2.50	P.64
Hahn, Emily	FRANCIE	(Franklin Watts)	$2.50	P.187

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SUMMER RELIGIOUS BOOK SUPPLEMENT

Edited by Dr. Kenneth D. Miller

Most of the books included have been published since the last religious book supplement in March; a few are mid summer or later publications. Check your stock and draw attention to books appropriate for Summer study groups and year-round devotional reading. We have indicated the latter by the code "D. R."

Batten, J. Minton — Abingdon-Cokesbury
PROTESTANT BACKGROUNDS IN HISTORY — $1.00

This is a book designed primarily for study and discussion groups in Protestant churches. It is a concise but comprehensive survey of the historical backgrounds of the Protestant Churches covering our indebtedness to Judaism and first century Christianity, Christianity in the Graeco-Roman world, the achievements and failures of the medieval Church, the Reformation, Continental and English Protestantism, American Protestantism and, finally, Protestant progress in Christian cooperation. Suitable for church groups of any Protestant denomination. (Publ.)

Cannon, William R. — Abingdon-Cokesbury
THE REDEEMER — $2.75

Dr. Cannon is the Professor of Church history and historical theology at Emory University, and has already taken his place as outstanding among younger Protestant theologians. In what is virtually an expanded essay on Christology, he has given thoughtful Christians a book to help those who are puzzled as to how they should think of Christ. For scholars, there is the added value that the book is based on sound scholarship. He interprets the incarnation, the miracles, the Cross, the Resurrection, and takes the position that those views of Christ which make Him less than the incarnation of the Word of God and the Divine Redeemer are inadequate. (Publ.)

Crossland, Weldon — Abingdon-Cokesbury
A PLANNED PROGRAM FOR THE CHURCH YEAR — $2.00

"Planning" seems to be a word to conjure with. We are to have a "planned economy", "social planning", "an educational plan", "city planning", etc. This is "planning" for the local church. It is all spelled out for the minister and his officers. Objectives and methods are described, organizational machinery blueprinted, time schedule suggested. For Protestant ministers who are primarily administrators and for others who need to be reminded that there is an administrative side to church work this handbook will be useful. The author is the pastor of a large Methodist Church and has written books on "How to Increase Church Membership," "How to Increase Church Income", and "How to Build Up Your Church School". He should qualify as an expert on how to plan a church program. (Publ.)

Crowe, Charles M. — Abingdon-Cokesbury
SERMONS FOR SPECIAL DAYS — $2.00

Not a few preachers would admit that among the most difficult sermons to prepare are those for special days in the year. They run out of fresh ideas, and despair of novel treatments of old themes. Here is a book that will help restore the flow of

water to wells gone dry. Dr. Crowe, the pastor of the Methodist Church in Wilmette, Illinois, is a popular preacher in the pulpit and on the radio. He has drawn together in one volume 18 sermons for special days. Included are sermons for Mother's Day, Father's Day, Student Day, Labor Day, Bible Sunday as well as the regular church holy days, Christmas, Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. These sermons are not profound, but they do abound in illustrations, quotations and allusions which Protestant clergymen will find suggestive for their own pulpit efforts. (6/15)

Crowell, Grace Noll — Abingdon-Cokesbury

MEDITATIONS — $1.50

D.R. This little book contains twenty-six short devotional chapters written especially for women for individual or group use. Each devotion has a scripture passage, meditation and prayer and many contain an original poem by the author. There is much sticky sentimentality in these devotions, but at that they are superior to many of the "devotions" perpetrated at gatherings of Protestant church women. Remember too, that Grace Noll Crowell has won a loyal following through her volumes of published poems. (5/21)

Anderson, Bernhard W. — Association Press

REDISCOVERING THE BIBLE — $3.50

This is an attempt to reinterpret the Bible for those young people who have lost or outgrown an earlier uncritical acceptance of Holy Writ. It frankly accepts the findings of Biblical scholarship and in the light of them answers a number of questions that are often raised by young people as they mature. Among these questions are: "How should we view the miracles of the Old Testament?"; "Is the Christian God truly the God of wrath?"; "Why do good people suffer?"; "Why do Christians believe in the divinity of Christ?"; "Why is the resurrection so central in the Christian faith?"; "How should we understand the stories of the Creation, the Fall, the Final Judgment and the Second Coming of Christ?". There are many who will not accept the author's answers. But for others they will be regarded as forthright, clear and positively evangelical though based on a liberal view of the authority of the Bible. (7/25)

Luckhardt, Mildred Corell — Association Press

THE CHURCH THROUGH THE AGES — $3.00

A book designed as a study book for older children and young people to be used in Sunday School and other groups. It covers in a cursory but readable fashion the history of the Christian Church. It treats of the genesis of religions, the development of religion among the Jews, the place of Jesus in the development of religion. While the early church, the church of the Middle Ages and the Reformation era are dealt with, the whole latter part of the study deals with the story of the church in recent decades with emphasis upon its missionary and service projects. The point of view is that of liberal Protestantism, with the advance of the Kingdom practically identified with the evolutionary progress of civilization. It will not satisfy those who believe the church has Divine sanction nor those who believe that life, death and the resurrection of Christ were central and determinative in a Divine process of redemption. (Publ.)

Voorhis, Jerry — Association Press

THE CHRISTIAN IN POLITICS — $1.75

It is not often that a man in public life gives sufficient time and attention to the relation of Christianity to politics to write a book on the subject. Jerry Voorhis served for ten years in Congress. He knows political life from the inside. So when he writes about Christians running for office, how to win elections, the civil service and Congress, he knows what he is talking about. The author contends that it is only as we mix religion and politics that our civilization is to be preserved. A strong plea is made to Christians to abandon the role of observers of the political scene and accept their full responsibility as citizens by seeking office or otherwise participating in

political life. Many of our office holders would profit by reading this book. Perhaps church people would want to send a copy to their congressman or councilman. (Publ.)

Fenton, Joseph Clifford — Bruce
THE CONCEPT OF THE DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD — $3.25

This is essentially a technical book designed especially for students of the Roman Catholic priesthood in the theological seminaries of that church. It deals with the diocesan priesthood and outlines the doctrinal basis, the proper functions of those priests who are appointed to assist the Bishop of the Diocese in the exercise of his duties. It is a clear and exhaustive treatment of the subject. *Imprimatur.* (7/1)

Murphy, John F. — Bruce
MARY'S IMMACULATE HEART — $2.50

D.R. Among the many writings dedicated to the veneration of the Virgin Mary, especially since the recent declaration of the dogma of her Assumption, this little synthesis of Marian doctrine and devotions should be especially welcomed by Catholics. It is an extremely scholarly piece of work, listing innumerable source references in many languages as Bibliography. The study of the tradition and history of devotion to the Immaculate is correlated with its development in private and public veneration and its final incorporation into the liturgy of the Church. Indeed the entire volume is an offering of devotion in itself. *Imprimatur.* (Publ.)

Sontag, P.J., S.J. — Bruce
MEDITATIONS FOR EVERY DAY — 2 vol. $10.00

D.R. This two volume work is a carefully prepared devotional book for Catholic readers. The order of the book follows the liturgical year, Volume I being designed for use from Advent to Easter and Volume II from Trinity Sunday to Advent. Some of the meditations are on doctrinal subjects, others on scripture passages, still others on various practical programs for action by Catholics. All have some suggestions as to how to make the use of each meditation more meaningful. This devotional book would seem to be of the greatest value to those well grounded in the Catholic faith who need to have some of its teachings clarified, some of its doctrines interpreted and above all to have their own faith strengthened by directed prayer and meditation. *Imprimatur.* (Publ.)

Kinsel, Rev. Paschal & Henry, Leonard — Farrar, Straus & Young
CATHOLIC SHRINES OF THE HOLY LAND — $5.00

The text for this illustrated guide to the holy places of the Catholic Church in Palestine has been obviously a labor of love and piety for Father Leonard Henry - a Franciscan of the Jerusalem Commissariat. The little brown brothers of St. Francis began their mission in the Holy Land in 1349 when they started a mission shrine in Nazareth which amid all the vicissitudes of local history has continued to this day. Father Henry's description of the heavy hand of history in this little land is necessarily almost in capsule, but it is so clearly drawn that out of the struggles between Jews, Moslems and Christians fought so fiercely through the centuries there are developed certain valuable insights into the present overwhelming problems, political, sociological and religious, in the country today. Photography by Alfred Wagg promises much and offers scenes rarely shown into which Mr. Wagg moved easily because of his official position. 150 photographs. 8 in full color. (~~6/22~~) 8/21

Bewer, Julius A. Harper
THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH: VOL. I. CHAPTERS 1-25 $.75

This is the fifth issue in Harper's Annotated Bible Series. It should be one of the most valuable ones for Jeremiah is one of the most difficult books of the Bible for the average reader to understand. More than one Bible student, having resolved to read the Bible from cover to cover has gotten stuck in the book of Jeremiah never to get out. There is precious gold in this book and Professor Bewer's introduction and notes to the King James version offer a handy tool for its extraction. (Publ.)

Bixler, Julius Seelye Harper
A FAITH THAT FULFILLS $2.00

* The President of Colby College has here engaged in a lively and trenchant discussion of the relation of religion and intelligence. Starting with the mental and spiritual confusion to be found on the college campus, Dr. Bixler goes on to a general consideration of how a genuine and deep religious faith may be allied with the reasoning processes and powers. He takes sharp issue with Kierkegaard and his modern disciples because they would have us turn our backs upon reason. The essential message of the writer is that "mind and heart can join in a faith which holds that God is first of all a God of truth, and that what leads to truth must lead to God himself". This is essentially a statement of the position of the religious liberal, forcibly and tellingly made, a book for theologians and those interested in the religious problems of intellectuals. (Publ.)

Ferre, Nels F.S. Harper
STRENGTHENING THE SPIRITUAL LIFE $1.00

* Nels Ferre is winning an enviable reputation as one of the most brilliant of our younger Protestant theologians. He has written several scholarly books on theological subjects which have attracted wide attention. In this little book he reveals himself as a deeply religious person with a message to give about personal religious life which is fully as important as his learned treatment of theological subjects. He writes as a member of a practicing Christian family, relating simply and with genuine warmth the experiences that he and his family have had in developing together a life of prayer and devotion, linked to the practice of Christianity in daily life. He is very practical in his approach, endeavoring to suggest ways in which a routine for private prayer may be established, how small children may be led to participate in family devotions, how to find the time for prayer in busy lives. Every member of a Protestant Christian family would profit by a reading of this book. Warmly recommended. (Publ.)

Kennedy, Gerald Harper
WITH SINGLENESS OF HEART $2.80

Based on lectures delivered to a conference of Protestant ministers, this little book gives a stimulating and inspiring interpretation of the pastorate. Bishop Kennedy is one of America's leading preachers and every minister or theological student will find here much that will help them to make their ministry effective. The chapter headings are suggestive of the author's original approach to this subject. For the minister is viewed as "The Double-Minded", "The Critic", "The Revealer" and "The Repairer" as well as the more conventional "The Pastor", "The Evangelist", "The Saint" and "The Leader". (Publ.)

McNeill, John T. Harper
HISTORY OF THE CURE OF SOULS $5.00

This book belongs in the field of church history and will be of interest primarily to specialists in that field. Professor McNeill of Union Theological Seminary has devoted many years to the preparation of this study and it gives every evidence of careful and thorough preparation and scholarly competence. It covers a vast amount of ground, as

it deals with what man has done for man over the ages to put him at peace with himself, his neighbors and his God. Beginning with the wise men of Israel and the Greek philosophers, Professor McNeill shows how the cure of souls was effected in the medieval church, in the various branches of Protestantism and in modern Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy. The final chapter deals with the whole emphasis upon psychiatry and personal counselling as instruments in the cure of souls. The author has no axe to grind, no thesis to defend. He is content to record what has happened and what is happening as man endeavors to help his individual fellows in the name of religion. (Publ.)

Niebuhr, H. Richard — Harper

CHRIST AND CULTURE — $3.50

This is not just another volume dealing with the relation of Christianity and society for any book that comes from the pen of this distinguished member of the faculty at Yale University is deserving of special attention. Professor Niebuhr identifies five viewpoints on this subject that have been represented in Christian thought over the centuries:(1) Christ against culture - a separation from "the world"; (2) The Christ of culture - the identification of Christianity and civilization; (3) Christ above culture - the Thomist position; (4) Christ and culture in paradox - Luther's position; (5) Christ transforming culture - exemplified by Augustine and Calvin. Niebuhr does not accept any of the above viewpoints, nor does he advance one of his own. Rather, he maintains that all of these solutions contain some truth and that there can be no one "Christian answer" but only the Christian's individual answer. Niebuhr's liberal use of illustrative material saves his book from being abstract and difficult and makes it significant not only to theologians but to a much wider group. (Publ.)

Niles, Daniel T. — Harper

THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE — $1.50

"What though the spicy breezes
Blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle
Where every prospect pleases
And only man is vile" --

So runs the old missionary hymn. And now from that isle of Ceylon comes a vibrant Christian message from one of the native Christian leaders. Thus does the world move on. This book is a penetrating reexamination of the theological basis of the missionary movement, and of the total evangelistic task of the church. The author has been prominent in the ecumenical movement and made one of the leading addresses at the meeting of the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam. American Protestant leaders should welcome this, his first book to be published here. (Publ.)

Poteat, Edwin McNeill — Harper

GOD MAKES THE DIFFERENCE — $3.00

Dr. Poteat has been the President of a Theological Seminary and now is pastor of an influential Baptist Church. In this book he is both the scholar and the preacher. He is concerned to interpret the work of God in terms of creativity, cohesion, the experience of community, self-giving love and power. He then discusses at length the way the work of God, thus interpreted, is seen in history, in the home, in education, in business, in pain and in death and in our faith in immortality. This is not an easy book to read. Not only does it require sound thinking, but its style is discursive. Dr. Poteat is more arresting as a preacher than as a writer. (Publ.)

Robinson, N. H. G. Harper

FAITH AND DUTY $2.00

This is a penetrating and arresting consideration of the area where theology and ethics meet. Dr. Robinson, a Scottish theologian, in a discussion of the contribution of Barth, Brunner, and Niebuhr to theology feels that in emphasizing the sinful condition of man they have not taken into account sufficiently moral values and man's responsibility. "How can man be held responsible for his sin if he is inevitably corrupt?" he asks. The answer of liberal Protestants he finds unsatisfactory also, being based, he contends, upon a too optimistic view of man. Like other such books the author is more convincing in his attack upon the positions of others than he is in stating his own. His attempt to reconcile a concept of universal sinfulness with ethical responsibility does not seem successful. The book is useful, however, because of its critical analysis of modern theological thought which is in danger of being accepted just because it is new and fashionable. (Publ.)

Wilder, Amos- *Ed.* Harper

LIBERAL LEARNING AND RELIGION $3.75

In this symposium sixteen educators discuss the role of religion in our institutions of higher learning. As the whole problem of the mutual relationships of education and religion is under intensive reexamination it is indeed timely to have this discussion brought to us by such a distinguished group of educators, all of whom are active in the National Council on Religion in Higher Education. The contributors are not concerned with subsidiary issues such as the relation of Church and State, or questions affecting curriculum. Rather, this book deals with fundamental presuppositions, criteria and values. The writers are concerned to discover the place of religion in the whole philosophy of education. A scientist, a historian, a sociologist, a teacher of the humanities, a psychologist, a philosopher as well as a college president and dean are among the contributors. Of interest to Protestant leaders and educators. (Publ.)

Cayre, F. P. J. Kenedy

THE VITAL CHRISTIAN $2.00

This small volume, excellent in format and pleasing in the clear tonality of its English translation by Robert C. Healey, is a significant product of the French Catholic Revival. Its title is as simple as it is profound and indeed it is a guided program for the lay Christian who would integrate his religious beliefs into the main areas of his daily life- his family, his work, and his social and political associations with his fellow humans. The prologue by Daniel-Rops (a pseudonym of a prominent French scholar) is a small gem of homiletics; whereby in the telling of a saint's fable is outlined the secret of the sanctity of anonymous effort. God weighs the soul in the value of its deep intention and the weights are the invincible stuff of humility, justice and charity. This book should have a wide range of influence and interest within and outside the Catholic Church. *Imprimatur.* (Publ.)

Grente, George P. J. Kenedy

THE POWER OF THE SACRAMENTS $3.50

Translated from the French by Sister Mary Madonna

This exposition of the meaning to the believer of the seven sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church comes from the pen of the Archbishop of Le Mans. It is at once a scholarly and a practical book. The study of the sacraments is prefaced by three chapters which outline the theological basis for the dominant position of the sacraments in Catholic thought and practice. They are the media through which the grace of God is made available to believers. In the successive chapters dealing with Baptism, Confirmation, Penance, Holy Eucharist, Holy Orders, Matrimony, and Extreme Unction the author is attempting to make clear why each of the Sacraments is important both in its

content and its form. This interpretation of the most sacred rites of the Church should deepen their meaning for all believers. *Imprimatur* (Publ.)

Hester, Sister Mary — P. J. Kenedy
CANTICLE FOR THE HARVEST — $2.75

A collection of anecdotes concerning the work of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in the United States over the past one hundred years. There are tales of the difficulties, trials and triumphs of the Sisters who were called upon to establish Catholic schools in outlying sections of the country. For the most part they tell of Sisters who worked in Wisconsin among the German and Polish immigrant groups in the latter part of the nineteenth century. The tales reveal the devotion, bravery, self sacrifice and saving sense of humor of the sisters. It is a book which will appeal to members of the religious orders of the Catholic Church but scarcely to a wider group of readers. *Imprimatur* (Publ.)

Surles, Mother Eileen — P. J. Kenedy
SURRENDER TO THE SPIRIT — $3.00

This is the life story of Mother Therese Couderc, Founder of the religious order of Our Lady of the Cenacle. Mother Therese was a French peasant girl who was discovered by the Catholic missionary Father Jean Terine and recruited to help him in his attempt to counteract the anti-Catholic effects of the French Revolution. Seeing the need for providing accommodations for the pilgrims to the Shrine of St. Regis, Mother Therese established a home for them and imposed upon the pilgrims the spirit and program of a religious retreat. Thus was started a movement of great significance in the Catholic Church whereby a chain of Cenacle retreat houses for transients was established in many of the great cities of the world. The book is no literary masterpiece, but it is an interesting documentary particularly for those concerned with the background of the Catholic religious orders. *Imprimatur* (Publ.)

Wiseman, Cardinal — P. J. Kenedy
as retold by Eddie Doherty — $3.00
FABIOLA

The classic novel of the last persecutions of the Christians in Rome of the early fourth century, during the reign of Diocletian has sold for over a century. Now retold for the modern reader, Mr. Doherty has streamlined the action, modernized the style, but retained the interest in a most readable plot. Some readers, especially non-Catholics, will find it difficult to force themselves back into that era of Catholic concepts. The Roman background at times seems artificial and static, the characters wooden, but nonetheless the story of the Roman matron who was eventually won over to Christianity keeps the vitality of the original. Primarily for Catholics. (Publ.)

Gannon, David — Macmillan
FATHER PAUL OF GRAYMOOR — $4.00

* This is a full length portrait of one who was a most interesting and controversial figure in American church life during the fore part of this century. Born into the Episcopal Church, Lewis Wattson became one of the outstanding leaders in the "high church" or Anglican wing of that body. His agitation for reunion with Rome created a great disturbance and no doubt many of his fellow churchmen were relieved when he finally went over to Rome. Since that step he has been widely known and greatly beloved as "Father Paul". But large as his theological battles loomed in his life, when he died in 1940 he was mourned principally because of his efforts in the field of Catholic social welfare. Even as an Anglican he made of Graymoor not only a monastery for the Society of the Atonement, but a centre of welfare and educational work. He was the originator of the Church Unity Octave which, today,

as a movement for concentrated prayer for the reunion of Christendom, is one of the most powerful instruments used by the Catholic Church for the conversion of non-Catholics. He also founded the Catholic Near East Welfare Association and was a great champion of the cause of foreign missions. He was greatly interested in the poor and homeless and made of Graymoor a haven for the destitute and the friendless. It is a vivid story of a vivid personality. Both Catholics and Anglicans will find it absorbing. *Imprimatur.* (Publ.)

Rypins, Stanley — Macmillan

THE BOOK OF THIRTY CENTURIES — $6.50

A monumental work of scholarship dealing with the way in which the manuscripts of the Bible came into being, were assembled, transmitted through the centuries, translated and revised. The author approaches this study with the conviction that the most influential books in modern civilization are the Bible and Darwin's *Origin Of The Species.* Accordingly he applies the principle of evolution to this study and is frank to state that his thesis will be understood only by those who accept the evolutionary hypothesis. This is evident in the author's statement of his purpose: "To examine Scripture as a slowly developed expression of changing human institutions, reflecting their gradual transformation, as society made leisurely progress into something which men of good will earnestly hope will be still further transformed." With a scholarly knowledge of Hebrew and Greek, Professor Rypins treats in detail with the way the original manuscripts have been transformed over the centuries into the latest revised versions. The book is buttressed by voluminous and careful references and complete bibliography. It is a book which will be of particular interest to Biblical scholars. (8/21)

Montizambert, Eric — Morehouse-Gorham

THIS WE BELIEVE — $2.00

* This is a good book to recommend to honest skeptics and bewildered Protestants who are not certain what they believe. It is a restatement of the traditional Christian faith, without any flights into high theology and without any exploration of the many by-ways of Christianity which are so often confused with the main highway. The author is an Episcopal churchman but there is nothing denominational or sectarian in his treatment of the major items of Christian belief - God, Christ, prayer, the Bible and the Church. The author knows the language of the modern intellectual and uses it. His defense of the traditional Christianity of the churches and the creeds is accordingly the more telling. (Publ.)

Quinlan, Will — Morehouse-Gorham

THE TEMPLE OF GOD'S WOUNDS — $1.75

Beautifully written this is a description of the spiritual experience of the author in visiting a little known brotherhood of the Eastern Orthodox Church. The aim of the brotherhood is to practise the presence of God through silent meditation upon seven pictures which are central in their temple. It is a book which will be of interest to the mystically inclined. They will not find many books more exquisitely and reverentially written. (Publ.)

Wagner, Harold E. — Morehouse-Gorham

"WERE YOU THERE?" — $1.75

D.R. These are essentially Lenten devotional meditations and as such were published serially in the Detroit Free Press, for the author is rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in that city. Each meditation deals with one of the personalities concerned with the crucifixion of the Christ either by contributing to it or by standing by the Crucified. Judas, Peter, Herod, Pilate, Joseph of Arimathea, Cleophas, Dismas the thief, the Centurion and John the Beloved Disciple are mong those dealt with. Good material for devotional use at all seasons. (Publ.)

Nichols, James Hastings — Westminster Press
DEMOCRACY AND THE CHURCHES — $4.50

The study was undertaken by a well known Protestant church historian at the request of the Committee on Religious Tolerance, composed of Protestant churchmen, with the purpose of ascertaining as a matter of historical record which of the churches had effectively fostered liberty, democracy and brotherhood and which had been antagonistic. The author deals with the 19th Century and the first half of the 20th century and covers the relationship of Catholicism and the various types of Protestantism to the several forms of democracy that have emerged in European and American life. The author frankly admits that he writes as a liberal Protestant Christian and cannot be neutral though he can aim to be objective. That he will be charged with bias goes without saying when one realizes that his major thesis is that Puritan Protestantism has provided a fertile soil for the nurture of liberal democracy, and that Roman Catholicism, despite certain liberal phases, has, on the whole, been an apologist for autocratic government. Professor Nichols is no agitator, but a thoroughly grounded historian. Nevertheless, if this book receives the attention it deserves it may be the subject of heated controversy. Certainly sharp Catholic criticism and ardent Protestant support may be expected, although Anglicans and Lutherans may not be pleased with its findings. The book is newsworthy and controversial; sure to be tied into the Blanshard issue. (Publ.)

Kepler, Thomas S. — World
A JOURNEY WITH THE SAINTS — $2.00

In a world groping for security and order and to human beings frantic in their own search for personal integrity and spiritual peace this book could be as balm of Gilead. In a foreword of yearning tenderness reminiscent of our Lord's grieving over Jerusalem, Professor Kepler makes a moving appeal for "sainthood" in the world today. Saints, he says, speak a common language of the spirit; their lives are " radiant " because " rooted " in the spirit of God Himself. They long to be the instruments of God; they accept the " call " to be saints and for all their personal sense of humility and shame for failure they know that God's Kingdom can only be revived beginning with them. Not geniuses, necessarily, but humans with extraordinary perceptions of goodness they seek perpetually the limitation of Christ and continual practise of the presence of God. They are God-centered; they strive for a revolution of the spirit. They do not cast out all the old goods because they show weakness; they stay by the goods and attempt a remedy from within. The 40 studies in this volume comprise a compilation of Professor Kepler's contributions to certain metropolitan newspapers. Here are saints of old and modern days, ranging from Cyprian and Augustine to Thomas Moore and Martin Luther; Pascal, brother Laurence, John Wesley, Rufus Jones, Albert Schweitzer and Kagawa. Thumb nail sketches almost, but vital bits of interpretative writing. Protestant, but not sectarian. (Publ.)

A FEW BOOKS DUE IN THE EARLY FALL

DeRobeck, Nesta — Bruce
ST. CLARE OF ASSISI — $3.00

A contempory of St.Francis and a notable disciple, St. Clare, Founder of the Order of the Holy Sisters of the Poor, shines through Catholic history not only in the reflected glory of Francis but by virtue of her own life of self-abnegation and service. This book gives a vivid picture of Assisi of her day and the events leading up to her forsaking the world for the poor and the great influence she exerted thereafter. It is remarkable how closely the lives of these two great spirit-

ual leaders of Assisi parallel each other. Both were of the nobility and turned their backs upon wealth and comfort to undergo the extreme humiliation of abject poverty. Both found that this experience led them to a clear vision of spiritual realities. Much above the average in hagiography, although the interest will be chiefly for Catholic readers. Appendix contains evidence used in support of her canonization. *(Imprimatur)* (7/15)

Velikovsky, Immanuel — Doubleday

AGES IN CHAOS — $7.50

Worlds in Collision took the reading public unaware, and to the consternation of critics and scientists became a best seller. Much of the sale was to people wanting tangible support of religious faith, which they found in his secular historical evidence for Bibical legends. The more the scholars protested the more the book sold. This new volume will arouse controversy in different quarters, among archeologists, historians, Biblical students. And especially among those who specialize in Egyptian and Israelite history, for the main thesis aims to prove that the date of the Exodus should be brought forward by some 600 years, thus giving greater emphasis to the importance of Israel. He identifies through a study of papyri, events which he associates with certain Old Testament stories. It is a big book, amply footnoted, and in view of the reception of the earlier book, may reach both lay and religious book general market. Watch it. (9/27) 2/7/5

Gaer, Joseph — Little, Brown

THE LORE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT — $4.50

* A scholarly and uniquely interesting volume, a collection of folk lore as found in the Old Testament and paralleled by similar folk tales drawn from other sources of classical Hebrew literature. The author's purpose is to rekindle the incentive to renew acquaintance with the Bible itself. The material is so arranged as to present a procession of concepts, revealed in legend and precept, that have occupied the mind of man since the beginning of time and that have never been dealt with more nobly than in the Bible. The author is a Jewish scholar, but every student of the Old Testament will find his knowledge of and understanding of the truth of the Scriptures broadened and deepened by a study of this work. An unusually valuable work of scholarship and a most readable book. (9/6)

Vogt, Von Ogden — Macmillan

CULT AND CULTURE — $3.00

* This is an intensely interesting discussion of the relation of religion to culture or civilization. For Dr. Vogt is thinking of culture in the broad sense as embracing all that contributes to the dominating ideology of a nation or a race or an era. In the course of this discussion the author proves himself familiar with a wide variety of subjects which have a bearing upon the development of culture: anthropology, sociology, philosophy, economics, music, art and religion. The latter part of the book concerns itself with American life in the attempt to find a unifying principle for American culture. There is a discussion of the existing divisions in our national life, due to economic, sociological, racial, educational and religious differences. His thesis is that the only possible unifying force would be a religion that is broadly liberal, acceptable to modern intellectuals and which expresses itself on the one hand in rich and artistic liturgy and on the other in social action aimed at the solution of our national problems. The author was for many years pastor of the First Unitarian Church of Chicago. He has specialized knowledge of religious art and liturgy and these interests are quite evident throughout the book. Many who will not agree with the author's conclusions will appreciate his presentation. (9/18)